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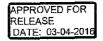
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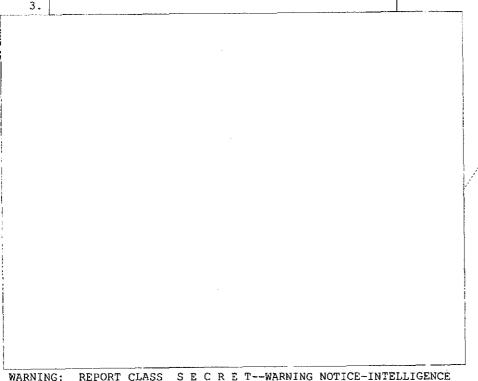
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FRONTIER IN THE AREA OF CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT CONTINUE
STRONG. DURING THE WEEK OF 9-16 MARCH, UP TO A TWO-BATTALION
TASK FORCE OF THE SALVADORAN FOURTH INFANTRY BRIGADE IS
PLANNING TO COORDINATE WITH HONDURAN MILITARY UNITS IN A BLOCK
AND SEARCH OPERATION. CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR HONDURAN FORCES
TO ESTABLISH A BLOCKING POSITION ON THE HONDURAN SIDE OF THE
"POCKET AREA" IN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT WHILE THE SALVADORAN
MILITARY UNITS WILL SWEEP THROUGH THE AREA IN SEARCH OF
SALVADORAN INSURGENTS. IF COORDINATION CANNOT BE COMPLETED
IN TIME, THE OPERATION WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF
17 MARCH. IN FUTURE OPERATIONS THE HONDURAN AND SALVADORAN
FORCES MAY SWITCH ROLES. THE SALVADORANS WOULD FORM THE
BLOCKING ELEMENT WHILE THE HONDURANS WOULD BE THE MANEUVER
OR SEARCH FORCE.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOURTH BRIGADE COMMANDER,
COLONEL SIGIFREDO ((OCHOA)) PEREZ, MET IN EARLY MARCH WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONDURAN ARMY IN CUCUYAGUA, HONDURAS
TO COORDINATE DETAILS OF THIS OPERATION.



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